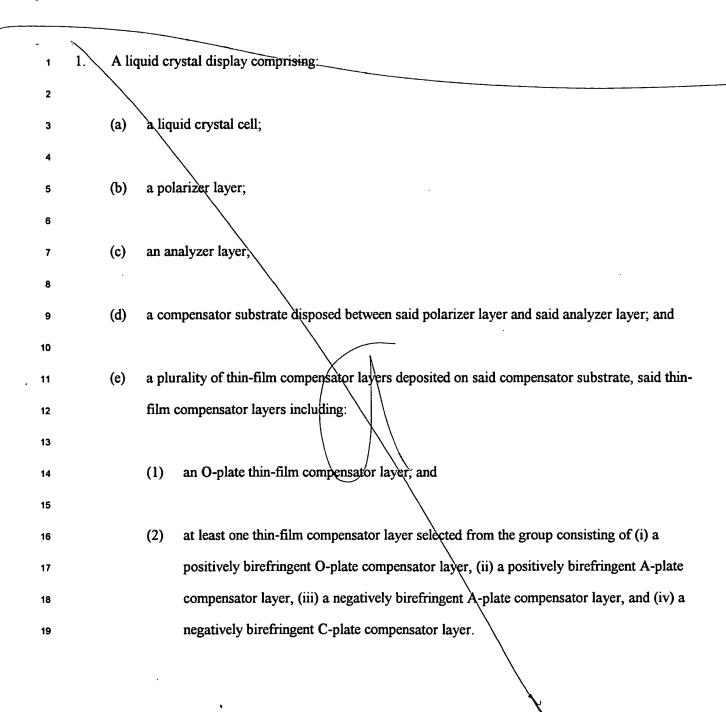


CLAIMS

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:



2. A monolithic compensator for a liquid crystal display, said monolithic compensator comprising:

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(a) 3 a substrate;

a plurality of thin-film compensator layers deposited on said substrate, said thin-film (b) . 5 compensator layers including at least two thin-film compensator layers selected from the group consisting of (i) a positively birefringent O-plate compensator layer, (ii) a positively birefringent A-plate compensator layer, (iii) a negatively birefringent A-plate compensator layer, and (iv) a negatively birefringent C-plate compensator layer.

The monolithic compensator of claim 2, wherein at least one of said at least two thin-film 3. compensator layers is an O-plate.:

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The monolithic compensator of claim 2 wherein all of said plurality of thin-film compensator layers 4. are deposited on a specified side of the substrate. 2

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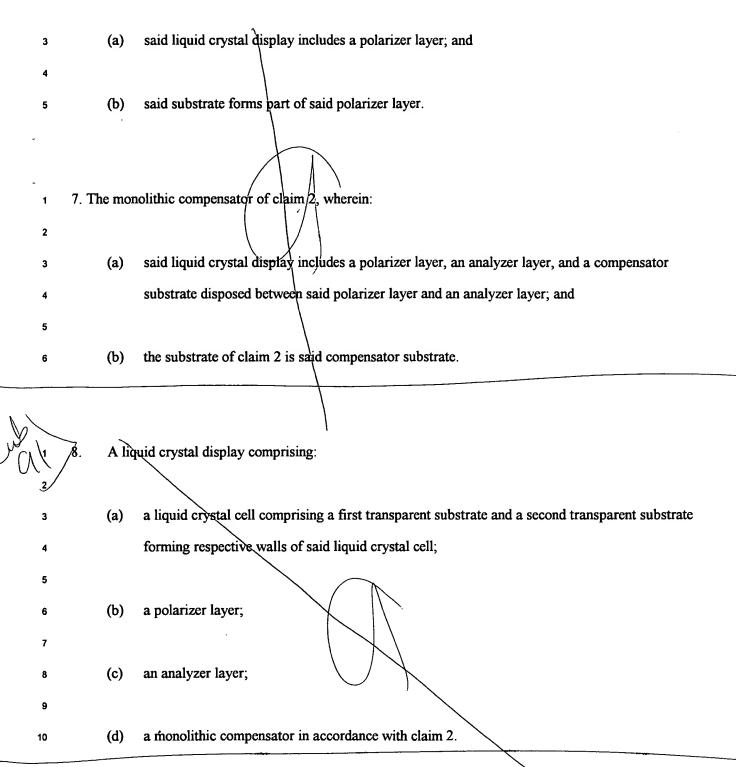
The monolithic compensator of claim 2, wherein: 5.

said liquid crystal display includes a liquid crystal cell; and (a)

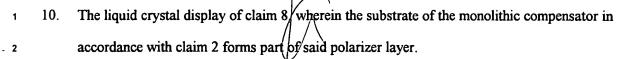
(b) said substrate forms part of said liquid crystal cell.

The monolithic compensator of claim 2, wherein 6.

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The liquid crystal display of claim 8 wherein the substrate of the monolithic compensator in accordance with claim 2 forms part of said liquid crystal cell.



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